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Appl. No. : 10/775,886 Confirmation No. 1418  
Applicant : N. MATSUNAMI et al  
Filed : February 10, 2004  
Title : STORAGE DEVICE  
TC/AU : 2188  
Examiner : K. Patel  
Docket No. : H-1210  
Customer No.: 24956

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection mailed January 4, 2007, and further to the Notice of Appeal filed May 4, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows. An Appeal Brief accompanies this Amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks / Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.